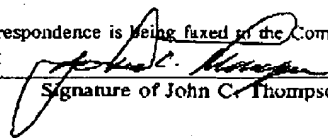


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PATENT APPLICATION

Appl. No. : 10/762,686
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Group Art Unit : 3732
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action of August 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Description begin on the following page entitled Amendments to the Description.

Amendments to the claims begin on the following page entitled Amendments to the claims and are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on that page.

Amendments to the drawings being on the following page entitled Amendments to the drawings.

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An **Appendix** including replacement sheet(s) of drawings as well as annotated sheet(s) of drawings showing the changes made follow the last page of this paper.